

they are also major challenges for this Academy. Because of your stature and your achievements, the people in this room have the potential to change the world profoundly. I urge you to view this organization as a lever through which you can exert a beneficial, lasting influence on both the nation and the world.

IN HONOR OF FATHER C. DAVID  
WILLIAMS

**HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 4, 1998*

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a few minutes today to recognize the work and accomplishments of Father C. David Williams on the occasion of his 56th birthday. Father Williams will soon be crowning a long list of accomplishments with a D. Min in Pastoral Counseling. This distinction recognizes the immense devotion to this faith which the Father has displayed throughout his work and study.

Father Williams has served as Rector of the historic St. George's Episcopal Church in Bedford Stuyvesant since September 4, 1984. Previously, Father Williams served as the Senior Chaplain of the House of Detention at Riker's Island, New York City from 1979 to 1984. During that time, from 1982 to 1984, the Father also served as Convener of the Black Caucus of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. Father Williams is currently the Convener of the Black Caucus of the Diocese of Long Island.

Father Williams will receive his Doctorate from the Graduate Theological Foundation in Donaldson Indiana under the auspices of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Oxford University in England, and the Diocese of Canterbury, England. Father Williams has just recently finished his studies at Oxford University.

In his quest to serve his community, the Father organizes the growing Community Development Corporation out of St. George's Church and has led a group of St. George's parishioners on a pilgrimage to Israel and Egypt.

The hard work and study of Father C. David Williams has left a lasting impression upon the parishioners of St. George's Episcopal Church. In recognition of these accomplishments, I ask my colleagues today to join me in giving tribute to a man who has taken time not just to study, but also to work at improving the lives of those around him.

TRIBUTE TO THE PORT HURON  
MUSEUM OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

**HON. DAVID E. BONIOR**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 4, 1998*

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize the 30th anniversary of the Port Huron Museum of Arts and History. The Port Huron community will celebrate this historic event on May 3, 1998.

In 1968, the Port Huron community organized a volunteer effort to open the doors of

the Port Huron Museum of Arts and History. In the beginning, the Museum relied solely on volunteers to operate the institution. Even though the Museum now employs a small staff of full-time, part-time, and seasonal help; more than 24,000 volunteer hours were contributed in 1997. Throughout the past 30 years, many people have worked together and dedicated their talents to create a lasting cultural and educational resource for the Port Huron area.

Located inside the 1904 Carnegie Library, the Port Huron Museum of Arts and History is the home of many exhibits dedicated to local history, natural history, and art. The Museum is committed to bringing a variety of events to the public such as the Festival of International Cultures and the Blue Water Native American Pow Wow. In 1990, the Museum was proud to dedicate the Huron Lightship, a National Landmark, as its first offsite facility. Not only is Port Huron Museum a valuable resource to the Port Huron community, it is also recognized throughout the State of Michigan and the nation as center for research in folk arts, archaeology, and Great Lakes marine lore.

Throughout the past 30 years, the Museum of Arts and History has contributed greatly to the cultural diversity of Port Huron. The staff and volunteers of the Port Huron Museum have worked hard to encourage an appreciation and understanding for art and history in our community. I would like to congratulate all the people who have made the 30th Anniversary of the Port Huron Museum of Arts and Sciences a reality.

THE LOUDEST VOICE

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 4, 1998*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I want to begin by talking for a moment about two groups that aren't widely discussed here on the House floor. The first is Mother Jones and the second is USA\*Engage. Then I want to focus a little bit on how things get done in this town and suggest that we, as stewards of government, must take care that we represent the American people and not narrowly focused special interests.

Mother Jones or "MoJo" is a national magazine of investigative journalism focusing on political reporting. It is named after and in the spirit of the legendary Mary Harris (Mother) Jones who was one of the most effective organizers of her time. Before passing on at the ripe old age of 100, this spirited mother of four effectively led fights against child labor, and on behalf of coal miners and other labor groups during the early years of this century.

Ken Silverstein wrote an article in the June 1998 issue of Mother Jones detailing the creation of USA\*Engage. This group hired Washington lobbyist Anne Wexler to try and make sure nothing gets in the way of promoting international trade with countries around the world whose governments are renown for brutal, fear-based, repression of their own people. The human rights records of these countries are made more dismal by widespread torture, terror, imprisonment, persecution and killing of all who do not walk the line.

According to MoJo, some of America's largest businesses have given their proxy to

USA\*Engage to deal with these countries having a History of repressing their own people. The list of these firms reads like a Who's Who of big business. I know these companies are run by good and decent people who are probably not aware of the range of activities in which the Wexler Group is intensely involved on behalf of USA\*Engage. I am sure that the stockholders and customers are not aware of them and would be shocked and angered if they were.

Anne Wexler has assembled a daunting army for her assault on Washington that includes a former U.S. Trade Representative, former Members of Congress, a former close staffer of the President, the former law firm of the State Department official who heads up the committee charged with reviewing proposed sanctions, and others. And look at what they have accomplished:

Instant access to Congress and the ear of State Department officials charged with assessing human rights violations.

"Pro-trade" studies from pricey and prestigious think tanks.

The matching-up and contact of religious groups and leaders interested in human rights around the world by business representatives thought to have special sway or influence.

"Spin control." MoJo says USA\*Engage boasts that of 242 newspaper editorials, 180 were favorable, 36 neutral and only 26 were hostile.

MoJo quotes human rights advocate Simon Billenness, talking about the important role economic sanctions played in ending South Africa's apartheid regime, "If USA\*Engage had succeeded with these tactics during the apartheid years, Nelson Mandela might still be in prison." I recognize that these companies can hire whomever they choose, but there are consequences.

Look at what they are doing. Look at the real issue. We are talking about countries which are committing the very worst atrocities on their own people for simply believing in God. In Sudan, starvation is the weapon of choice, spiced with high altitude bombing, mass murder and selling their own people into slavery. In Sudan, over the past decade, about 1.1 million people have been killed or allowed to starve.

In China, Catholic bishops and priests, Protestant lay-ministers, Buddhist monks and nuns as well as many Muslims are jailed—for years and years. And their jails are not patterned after those in this country. Starvation, torture, filth and darkness are the steady diet. The fate of the prisoner is up to the whim of the guard. Brutal working conditions and brutal hours are the norm. Sometimes death is the only friend they can hope for.

Tibet is in danger of losing its religion, its culture, its language and even its identity. It has already lost thousands of Buddhist monasteries and too many monks and nuns.

In Iraq, the Kurds have been used for target practice and guinea pigs for toxic killing. MoJo talks about the track record of Burma and Nigeria.

The victims of these outrages and more are Anne Wexler's targets. When she and her other well connected friends are successful in changing a legislative clause here and writing a Dear Colleague there, when they urge another Member to sign on to a "gutting amendment," do they think about the Catholic bishop starting his third decade in a brutal Chinese